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BAN OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Health Organisation (WHO) has recently urged its member countries to make their respective country tobacco free;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has decided to ban advertisement of tobacco and its products in this regard and;

(d) if so,the details thereof alongwith the advisory issued to the State Governments for the implementation of the said decision?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (b): World Health Organisation (WHO) − Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) has identified strategies to reduce the demand and to reduce the supply of tobacco products.WHO has not made any specific recommendation to make their member countries tobacco free.The WHO-FCTC has come into force in February 05.

(c) & (d): Section−5 of the "The Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003" prohibits advertisement of cigarette and other tobacco products. State Governments are mainly responsible for implementation of the provisions of the Act.The Ministry of Health & FW has written to the State Govts in May 2008 to set up monitoring committees at the State Level,as also at District Level.